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Scholarship in Sainik Schools

3883. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
SHRIMANI BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether income slabs for payment of scholarship in Sainik Schools vary from State to States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to bring uniformity in income slabs throughout the country;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (e). The eligibility criteria for scholarships (other than Defence scholarships) in Sainik Schools is laid down by the concerned State Governments. Accordingly, it varies from State to State. It is not possible to introduce uniformity in this regard as the payment of such scholarship is the responsibility of the State Government.

C&AG Report about Grey Iron Foundry

3884. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
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SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General in his report No. 8 of 1991 presented on August 6, 1991 for the year ended 31 March, 1990 has pointed out about the management of the Grey Iron Foundry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (e). The Comptroller & Auditor General, in his Report No. 8 of 1991 for the year ended 31-3-1990, has made some observations regarding working of the Grey Iron Foundry (GIF), Jabalpur, mainly relating to the following:–

(i) Delay in completion of the capacity augmentation project sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.78 crores.

(II) Non-achievement of the planned levels of production even after completion of the augmentation project;

(iii) High rejection rate.

(iv) Avoidable imports an open market procurement of castings due to non-attainment of the capacity by the Foundry.

(v) Higher cost of production of some major items in the Foundry compared to trade costs.

2. The above observations were inves-